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REFS: A) ABU DHABI 3476 B) ABU DHABI 2275

[11](#). (U) Classified by Charge D'Affaires Richard A. Albright for reasons 1.5 (b) and (d).

[12](#). (U) This is an action request; please see paragraph 4.

[13](#). (C) The UAE Central Bank forwarded a copy to Post of a July 26 letter to Treasury Secretary Snow seeking guidance on the liquidation of Rafidain Bank in the UAE (ref A). The letter states that, as a result of USG confiscation of

Rafidain Bank's assets in New York, the bank is now in "gross violation" of the UAE's own capital adequacy requirements. (Note: Per ref B, Rafidain Bank currently maintains total assets of USD \$18.8 million, USD \$17.3 million of which are frozen in the United States and Germany. The UAE Central Bank has managed the limited operations of the single branch of Rafidain Bank in the UAE since the 1990 Iraqi invasion of Kuwait. End note.)

14. (C) Action request: The letter from the Central Bank further states that its Board of Directors already has removed Rafidain Bank from the Register of Banks in the UAE and seeks to liquidate the branch -- pending USG approval. Post appreciates any guidance from Washington that we can pass to the Central Bank regarding the modalities/legalities of closing Rafidain Bank in the UAE, and provision for the remaining USD \$1.5 million. End action request.

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